

**Members Present**

John McNeal, Chair	State Council for Persons with Disabilities
Jessie Welch, Co-Chair	Governor's Appointee
Helen Arthur	DHSS
David Bartoo	DNREC
Lauren Devore	Sussex County
Ken Grant	AAA
Richard Klepner	Office of Highway Safety
Reed Macmillan	Dover/Kent MPO
Louisa Phillips	AHA
John Sisson	Wilmapco/DTC
Michael Wagner	Department of Education
Todd Webb	DelDOT

**Members Absent**

Marsha Carson	DOS ADA Title II Coordinator
Doug Denison	Department of State
Kimberly Holmes	Delaware Healthcare Association
Bill Jiron Jr.	Governor's Appointee
Nicole Majeski	DelDOT
William Payne	Caregiver

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
Farzana Atique	McCormick Taylor

**Guests**

Annie Cordo	DOJ
Judy Dancy	NHTSA
Tom Lawless	DelDOT
CR McLeod	DelDOT
Jim Pappas	DelDOT
Lloyd Schmitz	Council for the Blind
Tigist Zegeye	Willmapco

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair John McNeal.

**MEETING MINUTES REVIEW (January 22, 2019)**

Upon the motion of Mr. Sisson and seconded by Ms. Welch, the minutes for the January 22, 2019 meeting was approved.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Built Environment:** Ms. Andaya reported that the subcommittee had a productive meeting on February 25, 2019. Peter Haag of DelDOT Traffic did a presentation on the various pedestrian safety audits that they have recently completed and also those that they are still conducting. Included in his presentation were Route 40 (from SR72 to Buckley Blvd), Philadelphia Pike and Route 13 in Dover (from Scarborough Rd to Puncheon Run Connector).

Ms. Osiecki also discussed the recently published report, “Dangerous by Design”. The subcommittee also started work on updating their subcommittee goals.

**Education and Enforcement:** In the absence of Chair Chip Kneavel, Mr. Wagner reported that they met on April 17, 2019. Their guest that day was the Chair of the Dover Interfaith Mission which is a nonprofit shelter serving homeless men. The subcommittee will be working with homeless shelters in disseminating pedestrian safety materials and reflective items.

**Legislative and Policy:** Mr. McLeod reported that they met on March 26, 2019. They had a productive discussion with Marc Cote, Assistant Director of DelDOT’s Division of Planning. Mr. Cote’s section oversees the enforcement of the Development Coordination Manual (also known as the Subdivision Manual). Mr. Cote discussed how all entrances to state owned roads are required to take into account all modes of transportation. They require sidewalks or shared-use paths in subdivisions and also along frontages.

Mr. Mark Luszcz of DelDOT Traffic also did a presentation on the data analysis that they conducted where they compared Delaware’s three counties to more than three thousand counties. They paid particular attention to counties in nearby states i.e. Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Their next meeting is in May.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Upon the motion of Mr. Sisson and seconded by Mr. Macmillan, the Council approved the of purchase reflective items by the Education and Enforcement Subcommittee for FY2019.
- B. Upon the motion of Mr. Wagner and seconded by Ms. Phillips, the Council approved the funding of \$10,000 to McCormick Taylor for continued research in FY2020.

The Council asked subcommittee members to submit a proposal with corresponding budget of what we can to do to help curb pedestrian fatalities.

## **PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES UPDATE**

Mr. Klepner said that at this point we are at 7, last year we were at 5. We had 3 the first five weeks of the year; 1 on February 26<sup>th</sup>; 2 on March 10; and 1 on April 14<sup>th</sup>. All 7 of them are in

New Castle County.

Mr. Klepner pointed out that the highest number of those being hit are still those 18 and younger so it is very important to educate the young population. For fatalities, it is usually middle-aged males.

### **PEDESTRIAN DEATH REGISTRY**

Ms. Andaya talked about an initiative by some states called Pedestrian Death Registry. It is an interactive web-based map that shows where pedestrians died. The purpose of this is to shift the narrative toward the human faces behind these tragedies. For Nashville, the project is a joint undertaking of the Vanderbilt Medical Center, Tennessee State University, The Sidewalk Foundation and Walk Bike Nashville. For Nevada, the project is part of Zero Fatalities and is a partnership between the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

Ms. Andaya said that right now, she is just gathering input to see if this is something Delaware can benefit from.

The Council recommended to send this to the Education and Enforcement Subcommittee for further investigation. This is a good idea but information must be censored. Be careful with the language and template and make sure to reach out to families.

Mr. Schmitz recommends putting pedestrian fatalities on messages. Injuries versus fatalities without the stories. OHS used to partner with hospitals using ornaments.

### **REVIEW OF 2018 GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY ASSOCIATION.**

Ms. Farzana Atique provided the group a summary of the GHSA Annual Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities. She said that GHSA estimates that the number of pedestrian fatalities in 2018 was 6227 which was an increase of 4% from 2017. Twenty six percent of pedestrian fatalities occurred at intersections while 72% occurred not at intersections.

Since 2013, pedestrian fatalities involving SUVs increased by 50% compared to 30% for passenger cars.

The following are strategies recommended by State Highway Officials: targeted law enforcement efforts, public information campaigns, educational outreach on high-risk areas, Safe Routes to School Program, focusing enforcement in high risk zones, pedestrian safety assessments/road safety audits.

The full presentation will be published on the Pedestrian Council's website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Schmitz pointed out the lack of crosswalks at signalized intersections between Lewes and Rehoboth which is a 7 mile stretch. Where there are APS, there are crosswalks. But there are only two APS there and they are very far from each other.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am. The next meeting is on July 23, 2019 at 10:00 am.